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AIDS information offered to college students

By Cheryl Bryant

An acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) seminar, designed to educate Conestoga College students about the disease, is possible for September or October, according to Doon campus registered nurse Marilyn Fischer.

A seminar won't reach planning stages until the beginning of September, Fischer said. She is busy during the summer approving medical forms of nursing and early childhood education students.

AIDS robs the body of its ability to fight infections that

would otherwise be harmless. Transmission of the virus occurs through the exchange of blood, blood products, semen and other body fluids. There is no cure for the disease at this time.

Last February's AIDS seminar attracted little student

participation. Fischer said this may have been due to exams and she hopes that a fall seminar will attract more students. Fischer said that college students are in a high-risk category in contracting AIDS, but they show little interest in learning more about the disease.

"There is an 'it won't happen to me so I don't need to know anything about it' attitude out there," Fischer said.

In June 1987, AIDS pamphlets were sent to all full-time college faculty and administration. Fischer said AIDS pamphlets will be distributed to all Conestoga students during September orientation.

With the onslaught of AIDS information from the media, Fischer stressed the importance of learning the facts about the disease as a reason for the proposed seminar. Fischer is a member of the Waterloo Regional Health Unit AIDS Committee, which acts as a resource for up-to-date and accurate information about AIDS.

At monthly meetings, members discuss ways to educate the community and raise AIDS awareness, by directing information to the general public, the media, schools, health care workers and high-risk groups such as homosexuals.

Fischer said the group is

constantly reviewing new AIDS information from Health and Welfare Canada. A June press release stated that animal membrane condoms are no longer considered effective against the transmission of the AIDS virus, HIV. Tests using hepatitis and albumin molecules, similar to AIDS molecules, revealed flaws in the birth control devices.

Fischer said posters, radio announcements and advertisements in Spoke will inform students about the upcoming seminar. The seminar will last about an hour, probably during lunchtime, and admission will be free. She said the seminar may be offered more than once this fall.

Fischer noted that AIDS cases have been diagnosed in the Kitchener-Waterloo community, though she isn't aware of any cases in the college.

"But that doesn't mean that we don't have any (AIDS cases). The cases are confidential," Fischer said.

Fischer continues to educate herself about AIDS through news and magazine articles. By verifying new information at AIDS committee meetings, she can relay the facts about AIDS to students and college personnel, she said.

Those interested in more information can phone the AIDS Hotline at (519) 741-8300.



Photo by Cheryl Bryant/Spoke

Marilyn Fischer posts AIDS information in health office

Sewage pipes cleaned

By Deborah Crandall

The Doon campus of Conestoga College was closed July 31 from 4:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. to allow workers to improve the college's sewer system, said Mac Rostance, Conestoga's physical resources manager.

Rostance said the main sewage pipe, which runs from the service facilities building along the campus roadway and connects to the city's sewage pipes on Doon Valley Drive, was flushed with special equipment

provided by the City of Kitchener.

Rostance said the flushing of the pipes improved the college's sewage flow by 15 per cent.

The need for sewage improvement is a direct result of construction of the new nursing complex, he said.

"It may sound funny, but most of the nursing students are women and women's washrooms use more water than men's washrooms," Rostance said. The explanation is that women flush more than men.

Damage repaired

By Heather Henry

The power at Conestoga College's Doon campus was shut off from 3 p.m. July 7 to 7 a.m. July 8 to allow workers to repair damage to the main electricity distribution panel.

The damage, estimated at \$10,000-\$15,000, occurred July 20 when Wayne Becker, an electrician from Gemor Electric Ltd., St. Jacobs, caused a short in the college's main panel with a screwdriver, while determining if a circuit breaker would fit.

Mac Rostance, physical resources manager at Doon campus, said Gemor Electric

Ltd. did the repair work while consultants from Federal Pioneer Ltd., Elmira, supervised.

Rostance said the panel was entirely stripped and cleaned to remove all traces of carbon caused by the flash when the panel blew. He estimated damage at \$7,000, adding the figure was a rough guess.

Rostance said the contents of the panel were rebuilt and new breakers installed.

Jerry Schneider, of Gemor Electric Ltd., said he is unsure if the firm's insurance will cover the cost of damage, which he estimated in the \$15,000 range. He declined to reveal the company's insurer.

Nursing supplies moved

By Carol-Ann Nugent

Moving furniture and supplies to the new nursing building at the Doon campus of Conestoga College began Aug. 4 at 7:30 a.m.

The nursing supplies were moved from St. Mary's, K-W and St. Joseph's hospitals where the nursing program has been conducted in previous years. The supplies were transported by the Tippet-Richardson moving company of Kitchener.

Items moved included desks, chairs, cupboards, clinical supplies, and "everything that a nursing school would use," said Mac Rostance, physical resources manager of the Doon campus.

Construction of the two-storey, 49,000-square-foot building began during the week of Nov. 3, 1986, and will be completed by September to accommodate an expected 500 nursing students.

Rostance said construction was slightly behind schedule on level two, where labs and offices remain to be painted, ceilings finished and lights installed.



Photo by Carol-Ann Nugent/Spoke
Ken Pawlitzkr, Sean Young, and John Berdun unload furniture

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Viewpoint

By Heather Henry

Pushy salespeople

Sales people are everywhere. On the telephone, standing at your front door early Saturday morning or pouncing on you while you are trying to shop. Being accosted by them several times a day can get rather tiresome.

Let's start with telephone solicitors, the worst being carpet cleaners.

One can become quite paranoid about carpets when, after five telephone calls, three of them are from carpet cleaners. And if your carpets are fine, you can count on them to be willing to clean upholstery instead. What is truly amazing is that even though they have never been in your home, telephone solicitors are positive your carpets and upholstery are filthy. What would happen if a house didn't have carpet and the furniture were all wicker? There is a solution; hang up the telephone.

It's Saturday morning, you came home from the pub late in the evening (or early in the morning) and want to sleep until noon, but all is ruined because of one ring on the doorbell. The sun has barely risen and as you make your way to the front door, questions rifle through your brain. Who could be at the door so early?

You find someone whom you've never seen in your entire life smiling and saying good morning to you. Whether they are selling vacuums or garden tools, it makes no difference. They have you standing at the front door for what seems like hours, rattling off their memorized speech telling you how great their item is and all the extras you'll receive upon purchase. Slamming the door in their faces usually works.

The department store solicitor seems to be the most annoying.

Have you ever been accosted by sales people wanting you to be an elite member and have an account with their department store? It wouldn't be so bad if you were asked once. However, that's not the case. You can expect to have different or even the same sales person nab you three or four times in a matter of minutes. As with pushy sales people, it's monotonous and irritating.

By
 Tom
 Froese



The Russians are coming. So are the Finns, Swedes, Czechs and Americans.

Anticipation for Canada Cup '87 is heating up as Team Canada makes its final cuts, and shows promise to retain its world hockey supremacy. Our national heroes will soon take to the ice against the world's stiffest competition.

The Canada Cup shows hockey as well as international competitiveness at its best. Since it is hockey's only international tournament where all countries can put forth their best teams, the winner of the Canada Cup is regarded as hockey's true champion.

More importantly, the tournament unites countries, motivating players

For the glory of sport

and spectators to forget their political differences. International sporting events create a bond among participants that weapons of war cannot sever.

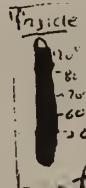
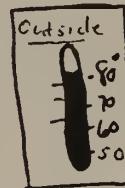
Feuding nations should attempt to solve their problems through sports. The possibilities are endless. National pride and honor for one's country can be shown on sports fields with less drastic results than on battle fields.

The Olympics is the prime example of international unity, with competitiveness at its peak. Participants in the original Olympic Games would often compete to their death, yet it was honorable as they struggled with their own limitations rather than against others.

Today, an olympic medal is valued as the highest award obtainable by an athlete. It's tragic when these games are misused as political ammunition, destroying the unifying purpose of them.

July 30, 1987

God it's hot in here today. You'd think they'd turn the air conditioning up. After all, we do pay enough tuition.



Yeh, now I know what it's like to be a plant in a green house. Let's go outside and cool off a bit.



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Question of the Week

Should there be a bar on campus?



Yes, I've been to other colleges and universities and they have them. I think we're all responsible enough.
 Emily Layeng
 Design drafting



It doesn't matter to me because I don't drink, but if people want to drink they should be able to.
 John Moncur
 Electronics engineering technician



No, I think there are already enough bars close enough to the campus.
 Herb Ullman
 Electronics engineering technician



Yes, of course there should. It would break up the monotony of the day.
 Vanka Malatches
 Design drafting

Hansen to show the world the explosive capabilities of one "disabled" man.

How much more could be accomplished through a group of people with similar ends? The results could be staggering.

Physical and non-physical games and sports are too often tagged as being childish and unimportant. On the contrary. Attributes needed for everyday life can be learned through sports—teamwork, quick thinking, adaptiveness and persistence.

If used as a motivating force, sports and games can help individuals, communities, and nations unite with common visions while maintaining a competitive spirit.

Amateur sporting events, particularly on large scales, need more support. They can extinguish burning fuses between international rivalries, add purpose to lives of participants, and give inspiration to individuals, whether they are athletic or not.



Photo by Heather Henry/Spoke

Firemen set blaze

The Kitchener Fire Department reversed the usual when they set fire to a portable classroom Aug. 5. The portable, located behind the technology wing at Conestoga College's Doon campus, was part of the firefighters' training.

Tytler project helps nursing students with pediatrics

By Carol-Ann Nugent

Second-year nursing students at Conestoga's Guelph campus are studying their pediatric module with the help of children from Tytler public school in Guelph.

The Tytler project, an arrangement between Conestoga's nursing program and

Tytler public school, was established four years ago, and is working "extremely well," according to Carol Dietrich, community teacher of the Guelph nursing program.

Dietrich said that every other week, two students are sent to the school to familiarize themselves with the children (most in the fifth grade). The children, along with the nurs-

ing students, discuss topics they would like to learn about. The students then prepare a 45-minute presentation to present to the class during a second visit.

"It's a very creative class," Dietrich said. "It's mutually enriching."

The purpose of the community project is to give the nursing students experience on how to

Use of university libraries available for students

By Heather Henry

If you're looking for a book and it's not available at Conestoga College's library, don't be afraid to check the libraries at the University of Waterloo.

Gary Draper, Head of the Dana Porter Reference and Collection Development Department at U of W, said a new policy will be implemented this fall requiring students to have a Conestoga College borrowers card approved by the librarian before they can borrow from the university's libraries.

Draper said Conestoga College students are presently "treated like other external users." He said Conestoga students are allowed to borrow books, have computer searching done without a fee and inter-library loans. However, in the fall a \$10 users fee will be charged to both students and faculty of Conestoga. A fee of \$10 will also be charged to secondary school students and Senior Citizens. The fee for adult residents of the region is \$25.

Draper said there are three libraries that students can use. The Dana Porter Reference

and Collection is open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to midnight, Saturday 9 a.m. to midnight, Sunday 1 p.m. to midnight; Engineer Math and Science is open the same hours as the Dana Porter; Engineering Math Design is open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Draper said the library hours change at the end of each term, therefore the hours in September will be slightly different. He also said that students cannot always borrow books between the above hours so it is wise to phone before going.

Correction

A story on page 1 of the Aug. 4 issue of Spoke, entitled Lounge renovation at standstill, erroneously identified David Putt as director of Doon campus. Putt now is director of physical resources development project. The director of Doon campus is Pat Carter.

DSA provides various school activities for students

By Cheryl Bryant

Providing student activities, which can relieve tensions of daily schoolwork and allow students to meet people from other programs, is the main function of the Doon Student Association (DSA), according to its president. The DSA, the student government at the Doon campus, uses student activity fees of about \$59 per student paid each September to fund the year's events, explained DSA president Paul Colussi in an interview.

"It's so that you have somewhere else to go and something else to do," Colussi said, outlining the activities' importance.

The DSA is a government body with an elected executive and two full-time staff members. Students vote for a new president and vice-president at the end of each school year. In turn, the president hires the pub manager, assistant pub manager, entertainment manager, treasurer, secretary and assistant activities co-ordinator.

Colussi and vice-president Tony Karais hold the most authority in the executive, Colussi said. But three other members of the executive can also speak on behalf of the DSA. They are treasurer Rhonda Machon, pub manager Renata Van Loon and entertainment manager Steve Blenkhorn.

Full-time staff Phil Olinski, business manager, and Sandy

Nay, activities coordinator, look after day-to-day duties and represent the DSA on Colussi's authority, since neither is an elected member, Colussi said.

"The duties are set out in the (DSA) constitution," Colussi said.

According to the constitution, the president provides leadership for the student government and represents the DSA at formal meetings. Colussi changed this area of the constitution, having Karais instead of himself attend college board of governors meetings due to time constraints.

As vice-president, and assistant to the president, Karais's duties include assisting the activities coordinator in the publicity of DSA events and organizing student representatives for the board of directors.

Pub manager Van Loon arranges, organizes and manages all pub activities. She supervises pub staff, balances receipts from pub revenue and assists in the sale of pub tickets.

The treasurer manages the DSA's finances, including the preparation of accounts records and cheques.

Blenkhorn, entertainment manager, looks after the booking and payment of entertainment acts and assists with sales of pub tickets.

DSA members are paid an honorarium cheque issued four times per year. Salaries and

honorariums for 1987-88 are being revised under the new budget, Colussi said.

According to the 1987-88 budget, salaries are proposed at \$59,105 for both the administrative and activity departments, an increase of \$5,125 over last year's payments. DSA salaries are funded through student

activity fees, which were \$59.25 per student this year.

Most of the elected DSA members take their positions within a week of being elected each March. The president and vice-president have the option of keeping their positions until the last day of classes in April.

Students need few qualifica-

tions to become DSA officers. Colussi emphasized that the person should have a willingness to run for the position. But in some cases, the student's program has some influence. The treasurer is often an accounting student, to give that person some experience for future jobs.



Cheryl Bryant/Spoke

Orientation preparation is one of entertainment manager Steve Blenkhorn's duties

Doon Campus has new athletic assistant

By Shawn Pellar

When Dan Randall walks into the Conestoga Recreation Centre he knows his position of athletic assistant is designed for him.

Randall has been working as an athletic assistant since June first at the centre. He said his new job evolved from his previous position in the equipment room of the centre where he worked as an equipment technician and athletic therapist.

After working for two years in the equipment room, Randall said he was looking elsewhere. "Not because I didn't like the college, but because I wanted a chance to better myself. I jumped at the job proposal," Randall said.

"As far as I can see this is the best athletic facility of any of the colleges in Ontario," Randall said.

The new position meant different responsibilities. Ran-

dall's duties as an athletic assistant include; distributing weekly media releases on the local radio and television stations and local newspapers to raise publicity for the school, assisting with the delivery of orientation presentations at all campuses, assisting with the delivery of intramural programs by supervising certain programs and assigning officials, assisting with the administration of tournaments and special events, assisting with the implementation of the sports camp programs and Youth Hockey League as well as providing instruction at the sports camps. Randall also works as an athletic therapist, giving him the opportunity to travel with the varsity basketball team.

Randall has been at Conestoga College for seven years, as an employee and as a student when he studied re-

creational leadership. As a student he was always interested in college athletics. He was an active member in intramurals, as a participant, a member of the intramural committee and president of the school ball hockey league. "It is easy to promote something if you enjoy it yourself," he said.

As well as being involved in numerous physical activities during his studies Randall was also the president of the Doon Student Association.

Randall presently is an active member in the K-W slow-pitch league, and also plays on three other baseball teams.

He said one day he would like to become an athletics officer and the co-ordinator of a sports and recreation facility, but these are long term goals.

Randall would also like to try his hand at coaching. Except for a few select sports, Conestoga varsity athletics are on the decline and this has result-

ed in a definite lack of fan support. "Our job in the athletics department is to try and pick fan support up and promote teams," he said.

Randall said that the way to do this is to put a winning team on the field. With his background in coaching minor baseball, hockey and lacrosse, his leadership skills, his knowledge of sports and his positive attitude, he may get his chance.

Randall, a competitive person by heart, said he enjoys teaching a person how to win and installing a positive attitude into people. Playing on winning teams through his competitive sporting years has taught him to win and lose graciously while learning.

"The best education I am getting is from the people I work with. They are super people, all extremely helpful," Randall said.

Dan Randall

Recreation centre hosts variety of sporting events

By Shawn Pellar

As the summer sun shines, there are a multitude of events occurring on the ice at the Conestoga Recreation Centre this August.

Open throughout the summer for both students and the general public, the centre is equipped to meet your fitness and fun needs.

Events include the 4th session of the Sports/Fun Camps operating from August 10 to August 21, and a power skating school operating from July 27 to August 21 for elite level skaters. The cost for the skating session is \$100.

Operating at the centre until August 18, Monday to Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:55 p.m. is the Kerry Leitch Figure Skating Club. The Conestoga Centre is the home of the National Pair and Olympic Training teams.

The Northern Hockey School will teach two sessions at the centre this summer. The first session operates August 24 to 28, and the second session

operates August 31 to September 4.

Completing their second year of operation, this will be Northern's first school in the Kitchener area. Ron Graham, director of operations for Northern, said he is very excited about the school. "The facility is beautiful. You couldn't ask for better people. The Olympic-size ice surface is excellent and the area is good," Graham said.

Participants will be grouped according to age and skill level. "The emphasis is on hockey skills and individual skills. Of course you have to teach team-play as well," Graham said.

There is instruction in puck-handling, passing, shooting, skating, balance, positional play and team concepts. There is a combination of on-ice instruction and off-ice skill training and lectures.

The school features instructors from the European, college and minor coaching ranks. Graham doesn't think there is

a school with better instruction than the Northern school. All of the instructors have at least 15 years experience. "Our goaltending instructor is one of the (National Hockey League's) central goaltending scouts. He knows his stuff very well," Graham said.

"What's important to us is finding people who can teach the kids. To get a superstar in the N.H.L. doesn't necessarily

mean he can teach anything just because he can do it. It takes a special talent to pass it on and these guys have it," Graham said.

Enrolment for each session is limited to 36 people. The price for a one-week session is \$175.

The ice is also available for student and public use. Until September 30, 1987 the rates are \$74 per hour during the prime time period and \$40 per

hour during the non-prime time period.

From October 1, 1987 to April 21, 1988 rental rates are \$66 per hour during the prime time period and \$42 per hour during the non-prime time period. The rate for student use during this period is \$30 per hour.

Ice rental is available for hockey, ringette, broomball and other activities.



Playing T-ball at Summer Fun Camp

Photo by Shawn Pellar/Spoke

Illegal locker users must pay or vacate

By Deborah Crandall

Bob Gilberds, security supervisor at Conestoga's Doon campus, will have his bolt cutters in operation this August, clipping locks off illegally obtained lockers.

Gilberds said security staff cleans out lockers every summer that are not assigned to students.

Anne Rektor, senior clerk at Doon's bookstore, gives Gilberds an updated list of lockers that have not been rented. If Gilberds finds a lock on any unrented locker, he leaves a notice on it, stating that the person using it has 24 hours to either make arrangements to rent the locker or remove the lock and the contents.

Gilberds said if the lock is not removed after 24 hours, it will be cut off and the locker contents will be confiscated.

Confiscated articles can be claimed at the security office until late October, when unclaimed articles will be sold.

"We have a garage sale where we try to get rid of all the articles left in lockers," Gilberds said. "Last year we raised about \$700 and donated it to Rick Hansen (who completed an around-the-world journey in a wheelchair) when he visited Kitchener."

Money raised at the sale is usually donated to the students' assistance fund.

Myrna Nicholas of student services said the money from the fund is, at the discretion of a counsellor, made available to students in emergency situations, such as the need for bus fare home.

Nicholas said students must pay back any money borrowed from the fund.

Motorcycle course offered at college

By Christine Diesbourg

Naturally, as summer passes, motorcyclists are out on the road. Unfortunately, along with the joys of riding, accidents and fatalities also occur.

Conestoga College offers motorcyclists the opportunity to improve and learn first-hand defensive motorcycle driving. A course called motorcycle driver training 1987 is offered at each College campus to give people the chance to learn to drive a motorcycle correctly and safely so that accidents are prevented.

Don Gibson, chief instructor of the motorcycle driver training program at Conestoga College, said the program was initiated in 1968 by the Ottawa-Carleton Safety League.

"There were a few concerned people that were sick of the statistics of people driving motorcycles eight miles, falling off and being severely injured." In 1974 the course was adopted by the Canadian Safety Council and was renamed the Canadian Safety Council Motorcycle Driver Training program. The program con-

sisted of about 20 hours of instruction, four hours theory and 16 hours practical riding time. In 1976 the course had eight students.

The program now runs about 22 hours. There are four overlapping, 5 1/2-hour sessions, four in theory and 16 to 18 of practical riding time and they have approximately 500 students each year.

In 1974 the program became fully operable across the country. It was the first nationwide driver training program in the world, according to Gibson.

This year John Svensson, supervising chief instructor, and Gibson worked with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications on implementing and adopting a new test procedure. The new test was called Motorcycle Operators Skill Test (MOST). The test includes stopping quickly, balancing skills, turning sharply and turning at high speeds.

"The test became mandatory this year," Gibson said.

Gibson added, "It's a pretty comprehensive program for 20 hours and its success rate is high. The pass rate is about 95

per cent."

The course begins with people who have never ridden before and starts them working with the brakes and then more complicated high-speed riding skills.

Gibson said, "You have to have boots, a jacket, helmet and gloves and your mind. We supply the bike." Persons interested must also have a class R (beginner's) motorcycle license obtained by writing a test at a provincial Ministry of Transportation office. The course costs \$150, which includes the cost of the instructors, a class M licence you receive upon completion and fuel and motorcycle costs.

Gibson said the biggest problem is public perception of motorcycling. "We have to overcome that."

With problems there must be benefits. Gibson said, "The tangible benefit is that if you learn to ride a motorcycle properly that you'll be riding one for a number of years. You won't be a fatality or a statistic or you won't be a long-term liability in a crisis centre for the rest of your life."